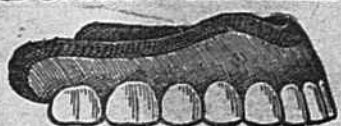


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The Ideal Nursery.

In an article on "An Ideal Nursery," by Carrie May Ashton, in the Mothers' Journal, it is urged that children be made so happy in the nursery that they will be made happy twenty years hence by the memory of it. A large, light, sunny room is a perfect delight to most children and makes them stronger mentally, morally and physically. Simplicity should be the keynote here and harmony throughout the furnishings. The walls or use a plain ingrain paper of a soft tan color or sage green, which makes an admirable background for pictures. A hardwood floor, with a large rug, is easy to keep clean and preferable from a sanitary point of view. Low bookcases filled with the children's books should be found here; also a place for their specimens, a writing desk, a comfortable couch and plenty of chairs. There should be an abundance of cupboard space, with deep drawers in a closet opening out of this room sufficient for each child, where games, toys and other treasures can be carefully stowed away.

The Trained Woman.

Dr. Edward Alderman, president of Tulane university, Louisiana, has strikingly defined for us the qualities that go to make the "trained woman." In an address to a class of Tulane women graduates Dr. Alderman said that the age called loudly for more trained women. "The trained woman is one who has no 'nerves,' who has a good, strong body, is swift to serve others and who has a mind that wishes to know why things are as they are. "Such women are needed in the home first of all, for the woman who builds a home is as great as the one who writes an epic poem. The trained woman is needed in society, for at the last the woman is the teacher by the laws of her life and her subtle graces of mind, heart and perception."

THE REIGN OF TERROR

Charged That the Miners Were Guilty of Terrible Deeds While Strike Lasted.

JUDGE GRAY EXPRESSES VIEWS.

Non-Unionists and Members of Their Families Testify that Houses Were Fired and Men Were Stabbed, Beaten and Otherwise Maltreated.

Scranton, Dec. 13.—The coal strike commission listened yesterday to further testimony tending to show that a reign of terror existed in the anthracite coal fields during the five and a half months of the mine workers' strike. About a score of witnesses were called during the two sessions by the attorneys for the non-union men. They told of serious boycotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men, women and boys, and an attempt to burn the house of a non-union man. In most instances the witnesses testified that the alleged offenders were members of the miners' union. The lawyers for the miners objected frequently to the admission of testimony on hearsay, and sometimes objected because of the irrelevance of other statements.

Not Bound by Strict Rules. Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence, but asked counsel to confine themselves in examining witnesses as far as possible to direct evidence. He said it was difficult, in trying to prove that boycotts exist, to get information on the subject. The commission, he said, wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region, and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied. "The coward who will go to the storekeepers," he said, "and tell them not to sell the necessities of life to a poor woman, usually seeks the obscurity that law of evidence throws around him. If a girl is discharged from her position in a store because she rode in a street car in inclement weather while a strike was on, the coward who discharged her is coward enough to refuse to testify." He recognized, he said, why some merchants will not come forward and tell who forced him to refuse to sell necessities of life to certain boycotted persons, but if he (Chairman Gray) were a storekeeper he thought he would risk his all in order to assist in breaking up the cowardly business.

Told of Sufferings. Each witness called told of the sufferings he or she had to endure during the progress of the strike because he or her relatives were at work. One man testified that a union man had threatened him and later on fired four shots at him because he would not stop work. The unionist was sent to jail.

A family of three, father, son and daughter-in-law, told how the son was chased from their home in Upper Lehigh in the middle of the night, and how the crowd of 50 or 60 smashed the furniture and ornaments in the house and then attempted to destroy the home with fire.

Mrs. Kate McNamara, of Parsons, near Wilkesbarre, said her husband was working in the mines and could not come home for fear of bodily harm. One night, when she and her four young children were alone in the house and in bed, the house was discovered on fire. The mother and children escaped and the place was destroyed. She did not prove that strikers fired the house, but Chairman Gray said her testimony led to the inference that it was "most probable that the fire was of incendiary origin."

Stabbed Three Times. August Schuech, of Hazleton, who worked for the Lehigh Valley company through the suspension, testified that he was attacked by a mob while he and his son were going to work, and that he was severely injured by being hit by rocks, that he was stabbed three times and had five ribs broken.

The son of the witness corroborated the testimony of the father. Another witness said he was a member of the union, and while under a physician's care during the street car strike here last year, his discharge was asked for by the union, but the mine superintendent refused. The union men made his occupation so unpleasant for him in the mines that he had to quit. He left the union, and when the strike came on he refused to leave his work. He moved from one place to another and finally located at Pittston. At that place the man who owned the house, who was a union miner, ordered him out and he had to leave.

Connected Strikers. These witnesses and others that were called testified that their wives were insulted on the streets, the children were beaten by other children and could not be safely sent to school, that local unions requested storekeepers to refuse selling goods to any one related to a man working in the mines; that their houses were stoned; that they were stoned, shot at and hung in effigy, and that life was generally made miserable for them and their families. Most of the witnesses connected strikers with the offenses alleged.

The commission will adjourn at about noon on Saturday and will reconvene in Philadelphia on Jan. 6.

TO BE WAR BLOCKADE

Allies to Notify President Castro That Ports Will Be Closed on Saturday.

GERMANS DISABLE A SCHOONER.

There Are Still Some Hopes of Effecting a Peaceable Settlement—The United States Will Not Guarantee Payment of Venezuela's Liabilities.

Caracas, Dec. 13.—It has been learned from an official source that the allies yesterday were to notify the Venezuelan authorities at La Guaira of the blockade, to become effective Saturday, Dec. 20, at 3 p. m., of the ports of La Guaira, Puerto Cabello, Coro, Maracaibo, Carupao and Barcelona.

Washington, Dec. 13.—As understood here the blockade to be declared by the allies against Venezuela on Saturday is to be a "war blockade," as contrasted with the "peace blockade," which has been in operation since the trouble with Venezuela assumed an acute stage. Ordinarily a legal blockade is preceded by a declaration of war, but at times this formality is dispensed with and a blockade maintained just as though war had been formally declared. To all intents and purposes war has existed and such condition has been recognized by the governments of the allies. A formal declaration that a blockade has been established will be sent to all the powers and it will be recognized by the United States government.

Acting Under Instructions. The notice of the formal blockade of Venezuelan ports is not understood here to mean that Minister Bowen's efforts to adjust the Venezuelan difficulty have failed. It was conceived that the naval commanders of the powers were acting under explicit instructions, which included the establishment of a blockade, and it was not expected that these instructions would be suspended until the negotiations through diplomatic channels had assumed a phase indicative of a final and satisfactory adjustment. As Minister Bowen was only yesterday appealed to to endeavor to effect such an adjustment, he has had as yet no opportunity of moving forward in his negotiations to a point where he might reasonably expect the allied powers to cancel completely the remainder of their punitive program, unless in the meantime he is able to offer sufficient assurances that the Venezuelan government is ready to meet the terms of their ultimatums. It can be stated positively that these assurances will not include a direct guarantee by the United States of Venezuela's liabilities.

Mr. Bowen Only Representative. Caracas, Dec. 13.—Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, has transmitted to United States Minister Bowen a document signed by President Castro as constitutional president of the republic, and countersigned by himself as minister of foreign affairs, in which Mr. Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty.

According to the terms of this document, Mr. Bowen may act without restriction and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela. The state department at Washington has been notified of the transmission of this instrument to Mr. Bowen.

London, Dec. 13.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says in a dispatch that Germany is supporting the claims of Belgium against Venezuela, which amount to \$1,250,000.

Disabled Schooner.

La Guaira, Dec. 13.—The German cruiser Falke, which has been anchored for the past two days at the entrance of Lake Maracaibo, yesterday captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria. After cutting down her main mast, thus disabling her, the Germans abandoned the vessel. This action has caused great indignation among the Venezuelans and excitement runs high at Maracaibo, where the people have been parading the streets uttering cries against Great Britain and Germany.

Herr von Pilgrim Baltazzi, the German envoy to Venezuela, landed here yesterday, permission for him to do so having been granted by the authorities. He spoke by telephone to his wife, who is very ill at Caracas. Later the German envoy accompanied the prefect of La Guaira, Senior Letichabaza, to the latter's office, where he remained a short time.

A British cruiser has obtained permission to purchase fresh provisions on shore here. The British cruiser Tribune arrived here yesterday morning. The British cruiser Indefatigable left here at noon yesterday, steaming in the direction of Trinidad.

The Hague, Dec. 13.—The Dutch cruiser De Ruyter, which it was supposed to send to the West Indies, has been ordered to proceed to Venezuela to protect Dutch interests there.

For Attempting Suicide.

Reading, Dec. 13.—Knaauer Amole, of Coatesville, yesterday pleaded guilty in court to the charge of attempted voluntary manslaughter in an endeavor to commit suicide. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and to 18 months' imprisonment.

WILL RENDEZVOUS AT TRINIDAD.

Principal Fighting Ships of Admiral Dewey's Fleet Will Spend Christmas Near Venezuela.

Washington, Dec. 13.—According to approved plans the principal fighting ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet will rendezvous at the island of Trinidad, right off the coast of Venezuela, and at St. Thomas, near Porto Rico, for the Christmas holidays.

Rear Admiral Higginson, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, will have command of the battleship fleet at Trinidad, in his flagship Kearsarge, with Rear Admiral Sumner, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, on his flagship Iowa, as second in command. The fleet at St. Thomas, which includes two battleships, will be under the command of Rear Admiral Crowninshield, commanding the European squadron, on his flagship Illinois. The fleet of cruisers and smaller vessels which will anchor at St. Kitts will be in command of Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the Caribbean division, on his flagship Olympia. Although not so stated, it is believed that Admiral Dewey will retain the converted cruiser Mayflower as his flagship and will spend most of the 10 days' holiday at San Juan. He is now at Culebra with the bulk of his immense fleet. The Texas and the Topeka have arrived at Culebra.

NEW YORK STATE BANKERS.

Five Hundred Members and Guests Present at Banquet.

New York, Dec. 13.—William Barrett Ridgely, comptroller of the currency, President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton university; Rev. Dr. Robert S. McArthur; Major General Adna R. Chaffee and John S. Wise were the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the bankers of the city of New York, composing group 8 of the New York State Bankers' association, given at the Waldorf-Astoria, last night. Five hundred members and guests of the association were present.

Comptroller Ridgely spoke on "Elasticity in the Currency." "The Relation of the University to Business" was the subject of President Wilson's address. Dr. MacArthur spoke on "Bankers, the Promoters and Conservators of Civilization." General Chaffee on "Experience with Banks and Bankers," and Mr. Wise on "Something which Bankers Don't Know."

Stockholders' Meeting.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Cambria Steel company yesterday an amendment to the by-laws was unanimously adopted. The changes provide that the board of directors shall be divided into three classes of three each, and that at the annual meeting, to be held on the third Tuesday in March, 1908, the first class directors shall be elected to serve for the term of one year, and the second class to serve for the term of two years, and the third class to serve for the term of three years, and that at all ensuing elections of the company the stockholders shall only elect the number of directors necessary to take the place of those whose term of office shall then expire.

Will Be Given Death Sentence.

Upper Sandusky, O., Dec. 13.—Philip Nagel was found guilty yesterday of murder in the first degree, without recommendation to mercy, for killing William Wade, and will be sentenced to death. The motive for the murder was robbery. Wade having on his person at the time of the murder about \$50, which represented the savings of a season's work as a farm hand. Nagel and Wade had been close friends.

Flyer Ran Into Freight.

Alliance, O., Dec. 13.—The east-bound flyer on the Cleveland and Pittsburg ran into a freight train at Garfield, a few miles from this city, last night. The passenger engine and 11 freight cars were derailed. Fireman Robert McNeese, of Cleveland, had his collar bone broken and Harry Bauls, of Chester, Pa., was bruised about the body.

Plans for Open Hearth Furnaces.

Beaver Falls, Dec. 13.—The Pittsburgh Seamless Tube company at this place has the plans for one or more open hearth furnaces at the plant here.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The bundersrath yesterday approved the tariff bill in the form in which it passed its third reading in the reichstag.

Madrid, Dec. 13.—The Herald yesterday said that Don Carlos purposes to renounce his claim to the throne in favor of his son, Don Jaime.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 13.—General Nord, having been acclaimed president of Hayti by the army, took possession of the national palace yesterday morning.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The French authorities have become convinced that the death of Mrs. Elzen Gore was accidental, and have decided to drop the case entirely against M. DeRydzewski.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 13.—Two violent earthquake shocks were experienced here early yesterday morning. The people of the city were greatly alarmed, but there were no casualties. Several other shocks followed at intervals. These, however, were of diminishing severity.

Tashkend, Asiatic Russia, Dec. 13.—Three officials, two soldiers and 155 natives, mostly children, were killed by the earthquake which destroyed the town of Andijan, Russian Central Asia, Tuesday. In addition 200 natives and 17 soldiers were injured and 9,000 houses of natives and 130 Russian residences were destroyed.

Mid-Winter Excursions to Washington—Very Low Rates—Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

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Thompson Music Company Moves

The Thompson Music Company has moved to the north end of Glen Elk bridge, where they are opening up a fine display of musical instruments for the holidays. They will also have an unusually large line of fine small instruments, and everything carried in an up-to-date music store. Call and see them before buying your Christmas presents.

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